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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE BERGLAND TO POLAND--

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1. ON THE INVITATION OF MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE LEON KLONICA,
UNITES STATES SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE BOB BERGLAND VISITED
POLAND ON MAY 18-20, 1978. SECRETARY BERGLAND WAS ACCCOMPANIED
BY A GROUP OF EXPERTS ON AGRICULTURAL AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

2. DURING THE TALKS OPINIONS WERE EXCHANGED ON AGRICULTURAL
SITUATIONS IN BOTH COUNTRIES AND THE WORLD FOOD SITUATION.
BOTH PARTIES SEEMED IT EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO SECURE A FURTHER
INCREASE OF GLOBAL FOOD PRODUCTION, WHICH IS NECESSARY TO
ELIMINATE STARVATION AND MALNUTRITION IN THE WORLD. BOTH SIDES
GREATLY APPRECIATE THE MUTUAL COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURE IN
THE FIELD OF EXCHANGE OF GOODS AS WELL AS IN TRADE AND SCIENTIFIC
COOPERATION WHICH IS BEING IMPLEMENTED IN THE SPIRIT
OF THE JOINT STATEMENT OF AGRICULTURAL TRADE
OF OCTOBER 8, 1974, SIGNED DURING THE VISIT OF THE FIRST
SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE POLISH UNITED
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WORKERS' PARTY, MR. EDWARD GIEREK, IN THE UNITED STATES.

3. THE OUTLOOK FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT IN AGRICULTURAL
IMPORTS AND EXPORTS WAS DISCUSSED, AS WELL AS THE POSSIBILITIES
OF EXPANDING SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL COOPERATION.
POLAND IS A TRADITIONAL IMPORTER OF U.S. COMMODITIES OF
AGRICULTURAL ORIGIN AND ALSO AN EXPORTER OF SOME PROCESSED

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS TO THE UNITED STATES. IN DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN MINISTER KLONICA AND SECRETARY BERGLAND, THE POLISH SIDE INDICATED ITS INTEREST IN FURTHER IMPORTS OF U.S. GRAINS AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS FOR SEVERAL YEARS AHEAD.

4. BOTH THE AMERICAN AND THE POLISH SIDES EXPRESSED THEIR INTEREST IN FURTHER INCREASING TRADE, AND IN CREATING CONDITIONS FAVORABLE FOR THE REALIZATION OF THIS GOAL.

5. DURING HIS STAY IN POLAND, SECRETARY BERGLAND WAS RECEIVED BY THE FIRST SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE POLISH UNITED WORKERS' PARTY, MR. EDWARD GIerek, AND BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE PEOPLES' REPUBLIC OF POLAND, MR. PIOTR JARODZEWICZ. HE ALSO MET WITH THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR. E. WOJTASZEK, AND THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE AND MARITIME ECONOMY, MR. J. OLSZEWSKI.

6. SECRETARY BERGLAND VISITED THE STATE FARM AT WALEWICE, POLAND, AND A PRIVATE FAIR IN SKIERNIEWICE PROVINCE.

7. THE VISIT TOOK PLACE IN A FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, MAY 20, 1978.

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